

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6145

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to include within the certification required for certain schools and libraries having computers with Internet access that receive services at discounted rates that, as part of the required Internet safety policy, the schools and libraries are educating minors about safe online behavior.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2008

Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Protecting Our
5 Children Online Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING INTERNET SAFETY POLICY TO INCLUDE**
2 **EDUCATION ABOUT SAFE ONLINE BEHAVIOR.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 254(l)(1) of the Commu-
4 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(l)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A)(v), by striking “and”
6 after the semicolon;

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
8 paragraph (C); and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(B) as part of such Internet safety policy,
12 educate minors about safe online behavior,
13 which may include information about—

14 “(i) interacting with other individuals
15 through social networking websites, chat
16 rooms, electronic mail, bulletin boards, in-
17 stant messaging, and other means of on-
18 line communication; and

19 “(ii) cyberbullying awareness and re-
20 sponse; and”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect 120 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act.

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